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In the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas
At Austin

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No. 14-17-00932-CR
In the Court of Appeals
For the Fourteenth District of Texas
At Houston

No. 1435566
In the 178th District Court
Of Harris County, Texas

Sandra Jean Melgar
Appellant

v.

The State of Texas
Appellee

**State's Motion for Extension of Time
To File Brief on Discretionary Review**

The State's brief on discretionary review is due on December 9, 2020. The State asks for a 15-day extension of time to file its brief. The following facts are relevant:

1. The appellant was indicted for murder (CR 8). She pleaded not guilty. (4 RR 11). A jury found her guilty as charged and assessed punishment at twenty-seven years' confinement and a \$10,000 fine. (CR 427, 439, 443). A unanimous panel of the

Fourteenth Court affirmed the trial court. *Melgar v. State*, 593 S.W.3d 913 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2020, pet. granted). This Court granted the appellant’s petition for discretionary review.

2. The appellant filed her brief on November 9, 2020. The State’s brief is due December 9.
3. This is the State’s first request for extension.
4. Since the appellant filed her brief, the State’s appellate counsel has worked on the following cases:

- a. Vincent Stredic
No. PD-1035-20
PDR filed November 13, 2020
- b. Aaron Temple
No. 14-20-00388-CR
Supplement Brief filed November 23, 2020
- c. James Leleo
No. 01-20-00034-CR
Brief filed November 23, 2020
- d. *Ex parte* Joseph Gomez
Nos. PD-0724-20 and PD-0725-20
Response to motion to dismiss filed December 1, 2020
- e. *In re State ex rel. Ogg*
Nos. 01-20-00612-CR *et seq.*
Supplemental Brief filed December 2, 2020

f. Happy Pham
No. PD-00287-20
Brief filed December 7, 2020

5. The appellant's brief contains 27,389 words. Reviewing and responding to such a long brief takes more time than is ordinary on discretionary review.

The State prays that this Court will grant the requested extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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